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**A VERY IRREGULAR FOREIGN BODY IN THE ALI-  
MENTARY TRACT SAFELY VOIDED UNDER  
THE "POTATO" TREATMENT.**

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A PATIENT was recently brought to me some two hours after having swallowed the irregularly shaped dental clasp depicted full size in the figure.



Exploration of the esophagus showed that tube to be unobstructed. The patient was ordered to feed exclusively upon buttered mashed and roasted potatoes, and to examine his stools carefully for the foreign body. Within forty-eight hours the patient left the object at my office door. It had been voided thoroughly coated with potato, to free it from which several washings had been required.

NOTE.—Had this very irregular body been found impacted in the esophagus, the same treatment would have been pursued in preference to the infliction of injury upon the esophagus in efforts at forcible extraction.



